2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

SARATOGA *California*

A General Plan is each local government's long-term blueprint for the future and its foundation for making decisions about physical development of the land. This document turns the community's vision into goals and policies. The City of Saratoga's General Plan helps guide the growth and land development of the community, while preserving open space areas and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

What are elements of a General Plan?

Elements are different chapters of the General Plan. In California, General Plans are required to address 7 topics in their elements:

- Land Use
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Housing
- Circulation
- Noise
- Safety

Which elements are being updated?

The City of Saratoga is currently in the process of refreshing and making minor policy updates to 3 elements (Land Use, Circulation, and Open Space & Conservation) and formatting all of the elements to provide a cohesive document. The updated elements will be combined with the existing elements (Housing, Safety, and Noise) to comprise the Saratoga 2040 General Plan.

How will this impact you?

A General Plan is one of the most important and influential pieces of City planning. While the current updates may be minor, Saratoga will need to update its Housing Element in 2021 and those impacts will be greater.

Please join us to start learning about the General Plan now and preparing to participate in the upcoming Housing Element update.

How can you get involved?

Please review the proposed updates to the General Plan and share your feedback. If you would like to host a virtual meeting with your neighbors, City staff would love to attend to share information, answer questions, and receive feedback. You can also submit your comments in writing or verbally at a public Planning Commission or City Council meeting.

Visit www.saratoga.ca.us/GP to learn more, review the draft General Plan updates, subscribe to receive notifications, or sign up to host a meeting in your neighborhood.